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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Steven Ausnit et al. : Group Art Unit: 3727
Serial No.: 10/617,234 : Examiner: Pascua, J.F.

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Title: TAMPER-EVIDENT RECLOSABLE BAG HAVING
SLIDER-ACTUATED STRING ZIPPER

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In the Office Action dated October 21, 2005 in the above-referenced patent application, the Examiner has required restriction to one of two inventions pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121. The Examiner has distinguished the following inventions: claims 1-31 and 51 (Group I) drawn to a reclosable bag; and claims 32-50 (Group II) drawn to a method of manufacture. In response to the restriction requirement, the Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, to prosecute claims 32-50 of Group II.

The Examiner has indicated by telephone today that the election of species requirement would apply only if Group I were elected.

Respectfully submitted,

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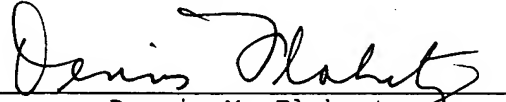
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